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January 16, 2002

**RENATA B. HESSE
ANTITRUST DIVISION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
601 D STREET NW
SUITE 1200
WASHINGTON, DC 20530-0001****RE: SETTLEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANTITRUST
ACTION AGAINST MICROSOFT****Dear Ms. Hesse:**

I write to express my own support for the proposed settlement of the US Department of Justice antitrust action against Microsoft. I understand that nine (9) of the eighteen (18) states that joined in that action support the proposed settlement. The Attorney General of my state, Honorable Charlie Condon, long ago withdrew our state from this lawsuit.

As a practicing attorney and as Democratic Leader in our House of Representatives, I know that some disputes are best resolved through negotiations and settlement. This settlement is going to impose strict new pro-competition and pro-consumer requirements on how Microsoft does business. It results from extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator and is of course supported by the Attorney General of the United States. It's time to bring this case to an end with this settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Jennings, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

**Douglas Jennings, Jr.
Democratic Party Leader
South Carolina House of Representatives**